

Aruba elects Prins and Pancho 2023



ORANJESTAD – In a Plaza Betico completely full, a new Prins and Pancho were elected for Aruba's 69th Carnival.

Carnival has certain fixed characters and activities. Momo (the Carnival king or Carnival spirit), Prince and Pancho (the prince and the clown), Carnival queen and princesses, the king or queen of Caiso, Soca and

Tumba contest.

There are all kinds of elections of princes, queens and musicians / bands. For example Mrs. Carnival, where only women over 26 can participate and the Prince & Pancho who are chosen as the best jokers. There are also many elections for the children, such as the Children's Queen Election.

The results for this year are as follows:

Children

PRINS BON: Dyshell Roga
PANCHO MUCHA: Aiden Harms

Youth

PRINS WISKUNDE: Lucas Geerman
PANCHO ALGEBRA: Shaq-ion van der Biezen



Grand

PRINS BON: Ivan Werleman
PANCHO FRESCO: Endrick Pannefleik

Adult

PRINS THE SHOW: Tyson Croes
PANCHO MUST GO ON: Randolph Ras

Congratulations to all winners! ☐

Shiki crowned as Youth Queen Oranjestad for Champagne Group

ORANJESTAD – Last Friday at 6:30pm, Sheqayli Ascension, "Shiki" was crowned as Youth Queen Oranjestad for Champagne Group.

Sheqayli is not an unknown figure, seeing as in 2014 she was crowned as Children's Queen of Aruba's 60th Carnival.

She said back then already that she wanted to be back on stage in order to compete also for Youth

Queen of Aruba's Carnival. Her plans were postponed because of the pandemic – as Aruba did not celebrate Carnival for two years – but even so, her focus remained on preparing to participate in the Youth Queen competition.

On Friday, she went to sign up for the Youth Queen election and she was accompanied by a small parade to Patio 15, where she



arrived with a brass band and guests. Seeing that it took place on Three Kings Day, three characters were chosen, who had special significance for her, to crown her. A young man who practically grew up with Shiki, who achieved his goals and showed that having physical challenges does not mean you cannot reach your goals, Disjon-

rick Jacobs; the talented young man, Paul Adisson Croes and her grandfather, Rodney Westerburger, whose birthday it was on that day.

Champagne Group is celebrating 25 years in Carnival and it is an honor to represent them in a Youth Queen election for this year's Carnival.

Linchie Merryweather, head of Champagne Group, placed the sash on Shiki and then crowned her.

Shiki invites everyone to come support her this 21st of January for the Carnival Queen elections at the Renaissance Convention Center. ☐

